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in Syria.

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1. The former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, who has been staying in Bludan, Syria, since June 1956, travelled from Bludan to Damascus on 17 August in the company of his assistant, ~~Mahmoud Salim~~ while in Damascus, ~~AMU-LAH~~. Hajj Amin attended a reception celebrating the national holiday of Indonesia on 17 August. He spent the following night at the New Omayyad Hotel where, on 18 August, he conferred with ~~(Shaykh) Ahmad~~ ~~UWAYDI~~, a Saudi Arabian Minister, who had arrived at the hotel the same day. Hajj Amin, ~~UWAYDI~~, and ~~AMU-LAH~~ left Damascus for Beirut on 18 August.

2. ~~Mahmoud~~ ~~UWAYDI~~, a former lieutenant of Hajj Amin and presently employed in the Syrian Ministry of Interior, received recently the sum of 6,000 Syrian pounds from the former Grand Mufti through (Dr.) ~~Sabhi~~ ~~AMU-CHAMMAN~~. The money is to be used to place articles favorable to the Grand Mufti in the Syrian press with the purpose of assisting him in his efforts to return to Jerusalem.

3. (President) ~~Shamir~~ ~~AMU-LAH~~ of Syria promised Hajj Amin that he would raise the question of his returning to Jerusalem in his conversations with ~~King~~ ~~HUSAYN~~ of Jordan between 17 and 20 August.

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4. Hajj Amin carries a diplomatic passport No. 1 issued by the Arab League. He lists his birthdate as 1898. ABU LABAN carries Arab League Passport No. 18; his date of birth is 1902.

REMARKS COMMENT: The most recent report on Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI was MBD-044.

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